

City of Concord Weekly City Manager Newsletter

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SEWALLS FALLS BRIDGE REPLACEMENT PROJECT

Final design and permitting to replace the Sewalls Falls Bridge began in late 2013 and included the development of a bridge type, size and location study. The study, developed by McFarland-Johnson, Inc., evaluated several bridge

replacement alternatives to replace the existing Sewalls Falls Bridge, and includes factors such as bridge span arrangements, construction duration, constructability, long-term maintenance, utility impacts, visual aesthetics, and costs for four distinct bridge types. The full report is available for review at www.sewallsfallsbridge.com.



A public hearing has been scheduled to review the report recommendations and to appropriate the funds for construction of the project. The public is encouraged to attend the City Council Meeting on **March 10, 2014**, at **7:00 PM** in City Council Chambers, 37 Green Street, to provide comment on the project.

SNOW REMOVAL - BEHIND THE SCENES

Do you ever wonder what goes into cleaning up after a major snow storm? Where does the City put all the snow that's been removed from downtown and the narrow side streets? In addition to plowing the roads and clearing sidewalks after a big storm, staff of the General Services Department's Highway Division conduct overnight snow removal operations beginning at 11:00 PM and work as fast and efficiently as possible to finish by 7:00 AM. The City us-

es loaders with snow blowers attached to load the snow into dump trucks for removal. The City also hires 12 contracted trucks to haul the snow to the snow dump, which is located at Terrill Park, at the corner of Old Turnpike Road and Manchester Street.



On average, about 5,000 cubic yards of snow can be removed each night (equivalent to 1 million gallons of water). Downtown snow removal operations average 250 loads of snow (last week's snow removal totaled 500 loads and took two nights to remove the 26 inches of snow we received the week before). Staff have also been removing snow from side streets that have become too narrow due to snow banks. Approximately 2,000 tons of snow have been removed to the snow dump so far this winter.

Watch a video clip of our overnight snow removal operations on YouTube at www.youtube.com/watch?v=AMb0ckNjC10. Be sure to subscribe to the YouTube page to see future videos!

CONCORD AWARDED FOR WATER QUALITY

The City of Concord has been awarded a Water Fluoridation Quality Award from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control & Prevention (CDC). Fluoridation is the adjustment of fluoride in drinking water to a level that is effective for preventing tooth decay. The award recognizes those communities that achieved excellence in community water fluoridation by maintaining a consistent level of fluoridated water throughout 2012. A total of 1,791 public water systems in 34 states received this award, including three in New Hampshire. Community water fluoridation has been recognized by the CDC as one of 10 great public health achievements of the 20th century. The CDC recommends water fluoridation as a safe, effective and inexpensive method of preventing tooth decay.

ICE SKATING



Due to the frigid temperatures over the past couple of days, the White Park Pond has been reopened for skating. Conditions are a little rough, but useable. The rink at White Park and the skating area at Rollins Park are also open for skating. The pond at Beaver Meadow remains closed for the season.